# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROTECTION OF NILGIRI BIOSPHERE
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka during the last three years for protection of Nilgiri Biosphere;

(b) whether the State Governments have prepared a Joint Action Plan to protect the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided by the Union Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Union Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka under the schemes namely:Biosphere Reserves,Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries, Project Elephant and Project Tiger for protection of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.The details of the financial assistance provided during the last three yeas for this purpose are as follows: Amount in Lakhs

| Name of the State | Financial Year 2005-06 | Financial Year 2006-07 | Financial Year 2007-08 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tamil Nadu | 459.4028 | 467.185 | 489.442 | 1416.0298 |
| Kerala | 613.5958 | 692.125 | 895.5689 | 2201.2897 |
| Karnataka | 1167.5177 | 969.559 | 2034.93791 | 4172.01461 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.